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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining “_” denotes additions and strikethrough “-” denotes deletions).

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of arranging for an electronically-recorded message to be delivered to a communication medium of a ~~recipient~~ second user at a selected time, said method comprising the steps of:
 - recording the message by a first user on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;
 - inputting an access code for accessing the communication medium of the ~~recipient~~ second user; and
 - indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the ~~recipient~~ second user.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of: inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of: indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:
 - indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the ~~recipient~~ second user directly receives the message.

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5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a ~~recipient~~ second user after a re-send delay period if the recipient does not directly receive the message.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of:
indicating a maximum re-send message number used to re-send the message to a recipient a maximum number of times when the ~~recipient~~ second user does not directly receive the message.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
indicating a re-send message number used to re-send the message to a ~~recipient~~ second user a number of times.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication medium is a telephone.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the access code is a telephone number for the telephone.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication medium is a voicemail mailbox.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the access code is a voicemail mailbox number.

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12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the message is retractable by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a ~~recipient~~ second user at a selected time[[d]], said method comprises the steps of:

- recording the message by a first user on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;
- inputting an access code for accessing the communication medium of the ~~recipient~~ second user;
- indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the recipient second user; and
- sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the recipient second user when the time reaches the delivery time.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of: inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of: indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

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17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of:

indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the ~~recipient~~ second user directly receives the message.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:

indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a ~~recipient~~ second user after a re-send delay period if the ~~recipient~~ second user does not directly receive the message.

19. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium is a telephone.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the access code is a telephone number for the telephone.

21. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium is a voicemail mailbox.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the access code is a voicemail mailbox number.

23. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the message is retractable by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

24.-34. (Canceled).

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35. (Currently Amended) A system for arranging for an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a ~~recipient~~ second user at a selected time, said system comprising:

- means for recording by a first user a message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;
- means for inputting an access code for accessing a communication medium of a ~~recipient~~ the second user;
- means for indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the ~~recipient~~ second user; and
- means for sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the ~~recipient~~ second user when the time reaches the delivery time.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36, further comprising:
means for inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising:
means for indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

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39. (Original) The system of claim 38, further comprising:
means for indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the recipient
directly receives the message.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 39, further comprising:
means for indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a
~~recipient~~ second user after a re-send delay period if the recipient does not
directly receive the message.

41. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication
medium is a telephone.

42. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the access code is a
telephone number for the telephone.

43. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication
medium is a voicemail mailbox.

44. (Original) The system of claim 43, wherein the access code is a
voicemail mailbox number.

45. (Original) The system of claim 35, further comprising:
means for retracting the message by canceling delivery of the message before the
delivery time.

46. (Canceled).

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47. (Currently Amended) A system for sending an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a ~~recipient~~ second user at a selected time, said system comprising:

means for recording by a first user a message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;

means for inputting an access code for accessing a communication medium of a ~~recipient~~ the second user;

means for indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the ~~recipient~~ second user;

means for keeping track of a clock time; and

means for sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the ~~recipient~~ second user when the time reaches the delivery time.

48. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

49. (Original) The system of claim 48, further comprising:

means for inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

50. (Original) The system of claim 49, further comprising:

means for delivering the message at a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

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51. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 50, further comprising:
means for determining whether the message should only be delivered if the
~~recipient~~ second user directly receives the message.

52. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 51, further comprising:
means for delaying for a period of time before re-sending the message to a
~~recipient the second user~~ if the ~~recipient~~ second user does not directly
receive the message.

53. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication
medium is a telephone.

54. (Original) The system of claim 53, wherein the access code is a
telephone number for the telephone.

55. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication
medium is a voicemail mailbox.

56. (Original) The system of claim 55, wherein the access code is a
voicemail mailbox number.

57. (Original) The system of claim 47, further comprising:
means for retracting the message by canceling delivery of the message before the
delivery time.

58. (Canceled).

59. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first user is distinct
from the second user.

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60. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the first user is distinct from the second user.

61. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the first user is distinct from the second user.

62. (New) The method of claim 47, wherein the first user is distinct from the second user.